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Dear Michael,

It is a pleasure to able to provide you with our experience with Montana State University graduates. I myself am a graduate of the MSU receiving a doctorate in the mid '90s. With that degree and educational experience I was able along with other MSU grads to start LigoCyte Pharmaceuticals, a now highly successful vaccine company located in the MSU technology park in Bozeman.

Since those early days of the company's founding we have been privileged to have many MSU students intern at LigoCyte and in many cases hired them to be full time employees of LigoCyte. Because we have excellent science and engineering programs at MSU it has been an easy choice to hire MSU grads over out of state applicants.

We have also had several MSU grads that we have brought back to Montana to work at the company after having been hired by other major biotech companies such as Genenteck and top tier eastern universities such as Harvard. These grads originally attained these high profile positions as a result of MSU's excellent reputation for high quality education and research, competitive with any national colleges or universities.

Without MSU it is unlikely that LigoCyte would have been a success, between the intellectual capital, scientific infrastructure and intellectual property resources MSU has played a key role in being a major player in that success. In addition, the University's foresight in creating the biotechnology program has also been instrumental in providing LigoCyte with highly knowledgeable capable grads that we are able to rapidly integrate into our research and development efforts.

To sum up, MSU's grads are key players in LigoCyte's past, present and future and we are extremely fortunate to have MSU and its grads as major partners in our current and future successes.

Sincerely yours,

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